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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION FOR  
MINISTRY OF INTERIOR UNIFORM PROCUREMENT, SAUDI ARABIA

REF: A. JIDDA 2608 B. JIDDA 2609 C. LETTER FRIESZ/ NESBITT OF 20  
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SUMMARY: EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING  
APPROVAL PROVIDE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR WITH USG BID- EVALUATION  
ASSISTANCE FOR \$16- MILLION NEW UNIFORM CONTRACT. END SUMMARY.

1. OPS RIYADH HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING OBTAIN AID/ W OR DOD ASSISTANCE  
FOR EXPERTS TO EVALUATE BIDS ON \$16- MILLION CONTRACT FOR UNIFORMS  
FOR ALL POLICE AND PARAMILITARY FORCES WITHIN MININT-- TOTALLING  
ABOUT 100,000 PEOPLE. TEAM OF EXPERTS WOULD COME FOR SHORT TDY  
VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA: THEIR SERVICES WOULD BE TOTALLY REIMBURSABLE.

2. PER REFTELS, OPS/ RIYADH HAS NOT RECEIVED FAVORABLE RESPONSE  
THROUGH DOD CHANNELS, AS SUGGESTED BY REF C, TO ITS REQUEST OB-  
TAIN BID- EVALUATION SERVICE. OPS/ RIYADH IS, HOWEVER, STILL BEING  
PRESSED BY MININT' S GEN TUNISI WHO EMPHASIZES IMPORTANCE HE AT-  
TACHES TO HAVING PROFESSIONAL UNBIASED EVALUATION TEAM GO OVER  
BIDS IN AREA IN WHICH SAG ITSELF HAS NO EXPERTISE. TUNISI PER-  
PLEXED AT DELAYED REPLY TO WHAT HE CONSIDERS STRAIGHTFORWARD  
MATTER. EMBASSY BELIEVES NEGATIVE RESPONSE COULD HURT EXISTING  
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RAPPORT BETWEEN OPS AND MININT: AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, MININT, LIKE OTHER SAG MINISTRIES, FEELS USG AGENCY EXPERTS INVARIABLY PROVIDE BEST KIND OF DISINTERESTED ADVICE IN SUCH COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

3. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY URGES DEPARTMENT EXPLORE WITH AID/ W AND DOD POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS TO THIS MATTER IN ORDER THA TECHNICAL EXPERTISE MAY BE PROVIDED BY ANY USG AGENCY THAT AID MAY THINK SUITABLE. TIMING OF VISIT NEED NOT BE AGREED TO NOW, BUT WOULD LIKE SOONEST APPROVAL TO INFORM TUNISI OF USG WILLING-NESS PROVIDE REQUESTED EVALUATION ASSISTANCE.  
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